

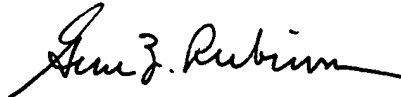
**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, claims 8 through 14 are cancelled. Group I, to which the remaining claims 1 through 7 and 15 are directed, is elected for prosecution on the merits. Minor amendments have been made to claims 5 and 7.

Examination of claims 1 through 7 and 15 is respectfully solicited. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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